

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF CARTHAGE, MISSOURI
September 12, 2019

The Carthage City Council met in regular session on the above date at 6:30 PM in the City Hall Council Chambers with Mayor Dan Rife presiding. Fire Chief Roger Williams gave the invocation and Police Chief Greg Dagnan led the flag salute.

The following Council Members answered roll call: Juan Topete, James Harrison, Ray West, David Armstrong, Mike Daugherty, Ceri Otero, Darren Collier, Alan Snow, Kirby Newport and Ed Barlow. City Administrator Tom Short and City Attorney Nate Dally were present.

The following Department Heads were present: Police Chief Greg Dagnan, Fire Chief Roger Williams, Public Works Director Zeb Carney, Parks & Recreation Director Mark Peterson and City Clerk Traci Cox.

Mr. Daugherty made a motion, seconded by Mr. Collier, to approve the minutes of the August 27, 2019 Council Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

During Citizen's Participation Period: Robin Smith, Carthage Humane Society Secretary, reported on current events at the shelter.

Mr. Snow reported the Budget, Ways & Means Committee met on September 5. A MOU with the Jasper County Sheriff's Office for providing prisoner housing was approved and is being presented in C.B. 19-38. A budget adjustment was approved and is being presented in C.B. 19-39. The Committee authorized the funding for the CWEP WWTF. This appears in C.B. 19-40. Discussions for putting a Use Tax on the ballot resulted in a request for a C.B. to come before the next Budget Committee for consideration.

Ms. Otero reported the Committee on Insurance/Audit & Claims met on this date in the Council Chambers and approved the claims.

Mr. Harrison reported the Public Safety Committee is between meetings with the next meeting scheduled for September 16.

Mr. Topete reported the Public Services Committee is between meetings with the next meeting scheduled for September 17.

Mr. Daugherty reported the Public Works Committee Meeting scheduled for September 3 was cancelled due to a lack of business.

Special Committee and Board Liaison reports were given by Mr. Topete for the Tree Board and Kellogg Lake Board, Ms. Otero for the Harry S Truman Coordinating Council, the Carthage Humane Society, and Jasper County Commissioners, Mr. Collier for the Carthage Water & Electric Plant Board, and Mr. West for the Over Sixty Center.

Mayor Dan Rife reported on his attendance at the recent MML Conference in St. Charles.

During Reports of Council Members, Mr. Armstrong and Mr. West thanked the Council for the opportunity to attend the MML Conference and thanked those who went, Mr. Harrison thanked the City Clerk for her assistance at the MML Conference.

Fire Chief Roger Williams gave an update on the operations at Station #2.

Parks Director Mark Peterson reported on a cross-country meet that was held at the golf course, he has been working with officials from USSSA Baseball regarding the possibility of hosting events in Carthage, and the disc golf tournament scheduled for Labor Day Weekend had a low turnout due to the weather, so another tournament may be held this fall.

City Administrator Tom Short reported on the following: MoDOT compliance review correspondence, sales tax revenues, MML Conference sessions, meetings with the Police Chief and Parks & Recreation Director to discuss organizational changes, and bond documents for SRF financing. Mr. Short stated the Budget Committee approved changes to the Economic Development Incentive Policy and those changes were included in the council packet. Mr. Armstrong made a motion, seconded by Mr. Snow, to approve the changes to the incentives regarding the Real Property Tax as presented. Motion carried. Mr. Short reported on the three bids received for lease purchases with Community National Bank & Trust bidding 2.15%. Mr. Snow made a motion, seconded by Mr. Armstrong, to accept the bid from Community National. Motion carried. Ms. Otero questioned why the City does the lease purchase option when funds are available. Mr. Short explained the equipment is being purchased from funds that do not have the reserves. Mr. Armstrong questioned why the individual equipment wasn't being discussed at departmental committees instead of the Budget Committee. Mr. Collier explained the equipment is included in the budget and funds were appropriated through the Budget Committee. Bids for purchasing the equipment will be taken to the departmental committees. Mr. Short also reported he is working on specifications for a compensation and benefits study that will be funded by interest received from a banking error.

The Committee on Claims filed a report in the amount of \$380,207.87 against the following funds: General Revenue \$63,489.39, Public Health \$4,506.60, Parks Stormwater \$80.00, Golf \$4,276.93, Lodging \$8,500.00, Civic Enhancement \$154.85, Parks & Rec \$98.06, Library \$15,000.00, Fire Protection \$672.12, Capital Improvements \$11,394.63 and Payroll \$272,035.29. Ms. Otero made a motion, seconded by Mr. Armstrong to accept the report and allow the claims. Motion carried.

There was no Old Business to conduct.

Under New Business, C.B. 19-38- An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Carthage and the Jasper County Sheriff's Office providing for prisoner housing for inmates with municipal charges was placed on first reading with no action taken.

C.B. 19-39- An Ordinance amending the Annual Operating and Capital Budget of the City of Carthage for fiscal year 2019-2020 for various funds was placed on first reading with no action taken.

C.B. 19-40- An Ordinance authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$4,501,000 principal amount of Combined Waterworks and Sewerage System Revenue Bonds (State of Missouri- Direct Loan Program) Series 2019 of the City of Carthage, Missouri, for the purpose of extending and improving the City;s Combined Waterworks and Sewerage System; prescribing the form and details of the bonds and the agreements made by the City to facilitate and protect their payment; and prescribing other related matters was placed on first reading with no action taken.

During closing remarks, Mr. West and Mr. Snow discussed the Use Tax issue noting a unified plan must be in place for passage of the tax. Mr. Barlow congratulated Abi Almandinger on her new position with Vision Carthage, thanked Mr. Williams for the information he provided on Fire Station #2, and thanked the Street Department for taking care of a stormwater issue on Grant.

Mr. Barlow made a motion, seconded by Mr. Armstrong, to adjourn the regular session of the Council Meeting. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 7:11pm.